Laying of telephone Cables in Mainpuri, UP

†796.SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: SHRI R,N. ARYA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to laying of telephone cables only six inches deep in Mainpuri, there have been incidents of theft of telephones cables in the urban and rural areas during the last two years resulting hardship to the consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any scheme to connect these rural areas through the Wireless in Local Loop during the current year, in view of difficulties being faced by the consumers;

(d) if so, by when such scheme would be launched in this district; and

(e) the villages, which would be connected with this facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRITAPAN S1KDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. WLL equipment for 500 lines each for Mainpuri, Bhogaon, Karhal, Shikohabad and Jasrana tchsils has been ordered and expected to be supplied by end of March, 2002. which is proposed to be installed immediately after receipt. Villages falling in 25 Km area of these tehsils will be covered by this<facility.

Increase in GDP due to earnings by IT

†797. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRIKAPILSIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been increase in gross domestic product of the country as a result of the earnings made through information technology during the last few years;

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